Original References

The following are the original references for names placed on Official List and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

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CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (63)21 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 700.

W. E. CHINA
Acting Secretary
International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature
London
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COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL TO PLACE *ACARUS TELARIUS*, *TROMBIDIUM TILIARIUM* AND *TETRANYCHUS URTICAE* ON THE OFFICIAL LIST Z.N.(S.) 1564

(see volume 20, pages 363–366)

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Tetranychid mites are so important economically that their nomenclature concerns many biologists other than taxonomists. Any reasonable proposal to resolve the long-standing chaos in the use of these names deserves consideration. The application of Boudreaux and Dosse appears to be based on sound principles consistent with the Code of Zoological Nomenclature. I therefore wish to support this petition.

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The currently existing confusion, coupled with the wide need of names for these mites in the literature of applied and basic biology, demands stability in nomenclature. The actions proposed by Boudreaux and Dosse will not only lead to stability but have the added merit of being entirely consistent with all available information pertinent to the nomenclature of these mites and with the Code. In our opinion such a proposal is more likely to lead to stability than one involving suspension of the Code in order to validate the proponent's current usage. The designation of neotypes for the species involved and the deposition of these in the British Museum (Nat. Hist.) is also to be commended.